

## News UPDATE

### Memorial Day Activities

Fort Gordon speakers, band, color guard and military units are set to participate in Memorial Day observances in the Augusta-Aiken area.

The Aiken Marine Corps League Memorial Day parade on Saturday features support from the Signal Corps Band, color guard, along with the U.S. Navy Information Operations Command, the 15th Signal Brigade and the Wounded Warriors Transition Unit from Fort Gordon. The parade begins at 1 p.m. on Laurens Street.

Col. Jeffrey Lepak, assigned to the commanding general's staff, U.S. Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon will be guest speaker for Columbia County's Red, White and Blue celebration at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Columbia County Courthouse, Ronald Reagan Drive. The U.S. Army Band, color guard and Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion will take part in the ceremony.

Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Clark, U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon will speak at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home on 15th Street at 9 a.m. Monday. The Signal Corps Band and color guard will participate.

The Fort Gordon color guard will participate in Bellevue Memorial Gardens Cemetery observance of Memorial Day at 10 a.m. Monday on Wrightsboro Road in Grovetown.

Col. William Lukens, 7th Signal Command, will speak at the CSRA Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony at the Monument of All Wars on 4th and Broad Streets, 11 a.m. Monday. Also participating in the ceremony will be the Fort Gordon color guard, the Signal Corps Band, the 706th Military Intelligence Group and the Navy Information Operations Command.

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# New fire station doors decrease response time

**Bonnie Heater**  
*Signal staff*

A local fire department invested in high tech, low maintenance doors and reduced their response time to emergencies.

Fort Gordon's fire trucks roll out of the Fire and Emergency Services Building on Rice Road a lot quicker with the help of Rytec spiral high performance rigid rolling doors installed May 7. "The new doors helps reduce our response time between 30 to 45 seconds and this can make a big difference when responding to an emergency," said Fort Gordon's Fire Chief Lester Porter.

"The main reason for the change [in doors] was reduction in maintenance cost," said Assistant Fire Chief Robert Gruber. "Our trucks can be dispatched faster to handle an emergency on post. With an opening speed up to 60 inches per second, the Rytec spiral doors offer the speed needed for high-traffic situations such as ours."



**Three doors were installed May 7 at the Fire House.**

The low maintenance cost of the doors offer security too. Rigid, aluminum slat construction eliminates any need for a second overnight security door. In addition, the unique spiral roll-up design features no metal-to-metal contact, thus offering whisper-quiet operation, according to Ted Hill, Overhead Doors of Augusta's sales and job site supervisor. This was the company who installed the new doors. The variable speed Alternate Current Drive system with soft acceleration and braking smooths out routine stops and starts, which eliminates the clunking gear engagements one associates with typical overhead door operation.

The doors are energy efficient and tight sealed. Aluminum slats along with durable rubber membrane cover the aluminum connecting hinges providing 100 percent seal against dust pollution, drafts and inclement weather, according to Hill. The amodized aluminum in the doors will resist corrosion.

Since the installation of the new Rytec spiral doors at the Fort Gordon Fire Station representatives from Richmond County Fire Department and Columbia-Martinez Fire Department have been out checking their performance and are considering having them installed in their fire stations. The Fort Gordon Fire Department is the first stand alone fire station in this region to get the high tech doors, according to Fort Gordon's Assistant Fire Chief John Ryan.

Fort Gordon firefighters learned about these doors from a local prison that had them installed in 2008.

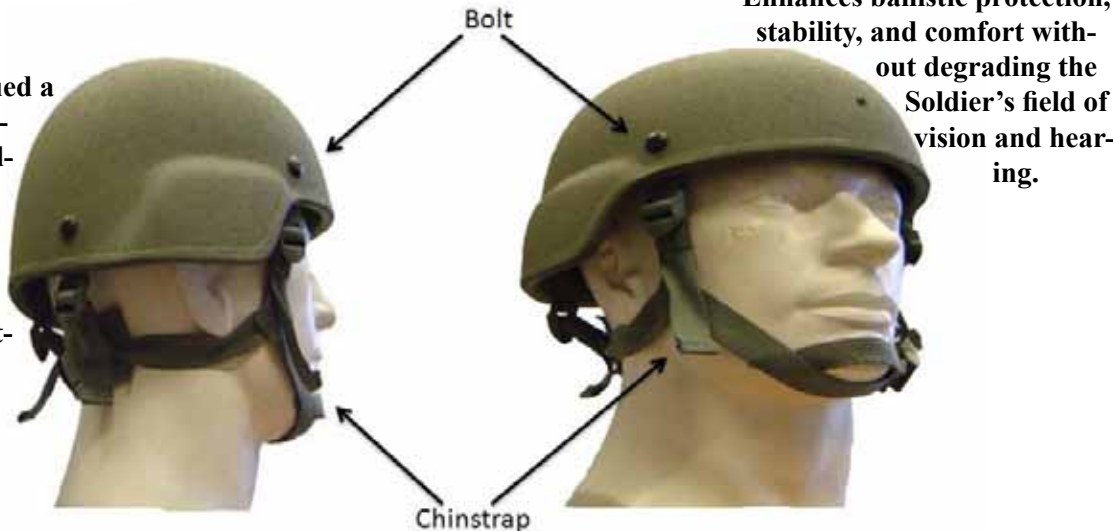


Photos by Bonnie Heater

**Fort Gordon fire truck Engine 10 blasts its lights and sirens as emergency responders roll out using a hand-held remote to control the newly installed Rytec spiral doors.**

# Army recalls helmets 'no direct risk' to Soldier

The Army has issued a recall of 34,218 advanced combat helmets because the four screws which hold the chinstrap and hardware were not constructed to government specifications.



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~ The ACH is available in five sizes.

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~ The helmet shell is Aramid fabric in foliage green 504.

~ It weighs between 3 and 3.8 pounds, depending upon size.

**By Master Sgt. Doug Sample**  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON -- The Army recall of 44,000 Advanced Combat Helmets that were issued to Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan is the result of a Department of Justice investigation as well as independent tests that show the helmets do not meet Army standards, officials confirmed today.

However, Army officials say the defective helmets are not a "direct risk" to Soldiers. Brig. Gen. Peter Fuller, the Program Executive Officer Soldier, said during a meeting with reporters today that while the helmets failed to meet Army standards, there is no evidence that any

Soldier was ever harmed from their use. He said the defective helmets still provided a safe degree of protection, but "just not up to our standards."

Although the helmets pose no direct risk to Soldiers right now, Fuller said the Army is using "an abundance of caution" to pull the helmets out of the field.

Fuller said the Army issued an urgent directive May 13 to combatant commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan calling for the immediate turn-in of helmets manufactured by the contractor. He heads up PEO-Soldier, an organization that oversees the development and testing of equipment for the Army from its headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va.



**"Our number-one mission is to ensure every Soldier's lethal survivability equipment can survive in any environment, and ... stop what it needs to stop."**

**Brig. Gen. Peter Fuller, PEO Soldier**



# Viewpoint

INFORMATION, OPINIONS AND COMMENTARY

## Defender 6 Sends:

All,  
Soldiers in the mountains of Afghanistan, the deserts of Iraq and all around the world will join our nation this Memorial Day in remembering the many patriots who have answered the nation's call with their lives. Memorial Day is the time to honor the untold sacrifices of those who have gone before us to open freedom's door and allow Americans to enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

As you commemorate this holiday and the unofficial start of summer, please join Sarah and me in remembering the Soldiers, civilians and family members serving and sacrificing for our nation today. Now is a good time to raise safety awareness for the many hazards, risks and their potential consequences in common summer activities. We cannot afford to lose a single Soldier, civilian, or family member to a preventable mishap.

Be aware of your environment and take proper precautions. Do not drink and drive or get in a car or ride a motorcycle with someone who has been drinking. Be careful when swimming or boating; drowning is a real possibility, particularly for inexperienced or intoxicated swimmers. Look after one another both on and off duty. You can find additional summer safety information at the following web sites:

- [www.imcom.army.mil/hq/kd/cache/files/21A6A7DB-423D-452D-4472C4F076F57D95.pdf](http://www.imcom.army.mil/hq/kd/cache/files/21A6A7DB-423D-452D-4472C4F076F57D95.pdf)
- [safety.army.mil/portals/multimedia/CAMPAIGNSINITIATIVES/SummerSafety2010/tabid/1838/Default.aspx](http://safety.army.mil/portals/multimedia/CAMPAIGNSINITIATIVES/SummerSafety2010/tabid/1838/Default.aspx)
- [www.nsc.org/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/Pages/Home.aspx)

As you reflect on the heroism of those who paid the ultimate price in defense of our nation, honor their sacrifice by keeping safety a high priority. Fulfill this commitment by including proper planning and responsible behavior in all you do. We want you back after the holiday break accident-free!

Support and Defend!

*Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, Defender 6  
Commanding General Installation Management Command*



# “WEAR IT!”

## LIFE JACKET CAMPAIGN ON LAKES, RIVERS

U.S. Army Core of Engineers

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – Traditionally, Memorial Day marks the beginning of the summer boating and swimming season and generally coincides with the time when the number of drowning deaths increases. However, this year's numbers are different—and not in a good way.

“The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District recorded three drowning deaths at Corps lakes on the Savannah River for the entire year in 2009,” said Ryan Hartwig, Natural Resources Program Manager for the Savannah District. “The 2010 count is already at five, and the high season for recreation hasn't even started.”

In 2008 (the latest statistics available) the U.S. Coast Guard received reports of nearly 5,000 boating accidents. Among those who drowned, nine out of 10 were not

wearing life jackets.

Closer to home, in the past 10 years there have been 80 drowning deaths on Savannah River lakes. Only one person of that number wore a life jacket. “That's 79 people who could still be here if they had taken one extra step,” Hartwig said.

Starting this weekend and throughout the season, the Corps urges people to combat the problem head on with their “Wear It!” campaign designed to get people into life jackets. “Take that one step when getting on, in or even near the water, and ‘Wear It!’” Hartwig said.

It could have made the difference for five people who won't be sharing this summer on the Savannah River with their families.

# Feedback...

By Bonnie Heater

## What is the significance of Memorial Day?



It's important to remember those who have fallen in battle to protect our rights and freedom.

*Pfc. Keith Gaytan  
U.S. Marine Corps Detachment*

The day honors the people who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms. It's only right to set aside a day to honor them.

*Sgt. Terrence Alexander  
U.S. Marine Corps Detachment*



It gives recognition to individuals who sacrifice so much for what they believed in.

*Pvt. Albert Santos  
Company D,  
369th Signal Battalion*



It's a reminder that life is not void of meaning. We are alive to accomplish the tasks which those who perished could not finish.

*Spc. Luis Santos-Torres  
Company D,  
369th Signal Battalion*



Memorial Day is to honor those who served and died protecting the nation. They gave us the liberty to continue to fight today.

*Pfc. James Hayes  
Company D,  
369th Signal Battalion*



The day allows the nation to remember the young Soldiers and veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. It's a way to never forget them.

*Pfc. Javier Villalobos  
Company D,  
369th Signal Battalion*



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# Task Force Thunder takes on Afghanistan-wide signal mission

By Capt. Michelle Lunato  
Task Force Thunder Public Affairs Officer

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – The 359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade took command of the signal mission in Afghanistan on May 25 during a Transfer of Authority Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Bagram Airfield.

The 359th TTSB, which is headquartered in Fort Gordon, Ga., will continue to lead the Soldiers, Airmen and contractors who fell under the 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, which is headquartered in Germany.

The 7th TTSB had commanded the mission, Task Force Freedom, since May 2009, with the help of their subordinate units: the 25th Signal Battalion, the 57th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, and the 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion.

As a whole, Task Force Freedom installed and maintained four joint network nodes, 20 command post nodes, 19 technical control facilities, 31 deployable satellite terminals and two satellite terminals.

The 7th TTSB also formed the core of the Joint Netops Control Center-Afghanistan, which became the central point for all communications in the combined joint operational area.

“The 7th Signal Brigade paid the down payment,” said Brig. Gen. James T. Walton, commander, 335th Signal Command (Theater) (Provisional). “Their achievement to date is nothing short of incredible.” Now, it is up to the 359th to build upon their success, said Walton.

The Task Force Freedom commander, Col. Randall W. Bland, 7th TTSB commander, applauded his team for their “unity of effort.” A consistent theme from the deployment was the excellence of character and skill of these task force members, said Bland.

“Know that every time you send an e-mail or pick up the phone, there is a member of this task force ahead of you,” said Bland to the crowd of Soldiers, Airmen, and contractors from across the task forces on Bagram.

As the 7th TTSB cased their brigade colors in preparation to redeploy back to Germany, Task Force Freedom came to an end. And in ceremonial tradition, the 359th TTSB brigade colors were uncased, thus beginning Task Force Thunder.

The tradition of casing and uncasing colors during a transfer of authority ceremony is significant, said Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Adams, command sergeant major, 25th Signal Battalion. “It recognizes the unit that has been here, but also shows everyone



who the new show in town is.”

A transfer of leaders is not complete without a ceremony, said Army Sgt. Maj. John Schiffli, the acting Task Force Thunder command sergeant major. “The Army runs on traditions. And this ceremony signifies the start of our mission,” said Schiffli. “We have big shoes to fill, but we are going to take it where they left off and leave it better for the next team.”

Which is exactly the goal of the new task force commander, Col. Chris Kemp, 359th TTSB commander. We need to focus on maturing the signal operations here, said Kemp. “The 7th did a superb job at setting things up. They have definitely set the conditions for us to succeed.”

Considering the large need for communication ranges from every day infrastructure demands to small missions to large-scale operations, the signal mission is critical, said Brig. Gen. Lawrence W. Brock II, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan Army Central Command Support Element- Afghanistan senior signal leader. “We have to meet the needs of the warfighters.”

To Kemp, there is no other option. “I assure you. As a task force, we will not fail.”



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# Community Briefs

## BOSS events

The post’s Better Opportunities for Single Service members program is hosting several events in June and July. Some of the events include: a deep sea fishing May 28-29 and a historic Banning Mills Tree Top Zipline tour to be held Memorial Day, May 31. An off road biking and kayaking trip is slated for June 5-6 and June 13; whitewater rafting is planned June 19-20 and again July 9-10. Hang gliding is scheduled July 17-18. Minimum participation is required for the scheduled trips to take place. For more information, contact Dov Estroff at 791-2556.

## Summer Camp

Fort Gordon’s U.S. Army Child, Youth and School Services are offering School Age Services Summer Camp through Aug. 6. Children must be enrolled in first grade. Weekly fee is based on total household income. Children of active duty servicemembers, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and contractors are welcome. For more information, call 791-4722.



## American Legion memorial

American Legion Post 178 will host its 30th Annual Memorial Day Homeage 7 a.m. May 29. Legionnaires and local supporters will place American flags on graves of veterans resting at Hillcrest Memorial Park. At 9 a.m., a Memorial Service will follow the flag placement to honor all fallen veterans. This year’s guest speaker will be Col. Laurence Mixon, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade commander. For more information, contact Bob Caruso at 399-6912 or e-mail bobc3460@earthlink.net.

## Summer Reading program

The Woodworth Consolidated Library’s 2010 Summer Reading program kicks off 10 a.m. June 2 with an official sign-up and “Getting to Know the Library” session. Summer reading activities are scheduled 10 a.m. every Wednesday through July 28 at the post library, Building 33500, 549 Rice Road. The theme for this year’s reading program is “Voyage to Book Island”. Each week there’s a new activity; the program offers a series of fun and encouraging educational and reading activities for children ages 2-14. It’s been found early exposure to reading encourages and promotes a love of learning in children and higher success rates in school. For more information call Joyce Daniels at 791-4662.

## Volksmarch

A mini volksmarch is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 22. The 2-mile event starts at the Fort Gordon Commissary parking lot.

For more information, contact Brian Taten at 791-3718, ext. 313, or Dov Estroff at 791-22556.

## Special Agent Recruiting visit

The U.S. Army’s Counter Intelligence Special Agent recruiting team will be conducting an information briefing 1 to 3 p.m. June 4 at Olmstead Hall. This presentation will provide information concerning career field MOS 35L, CI special agent. The briefing will include criteria for entry into 35L, how to apply for reclassification, as well as the missions, assignments, and training opportunities CI Special Agents are involved in. These presentations are primarily directed at the enlisted force, personnel in grades E-4 through E-6. Army CI is made up of unique individuals who have a genuine desire to detect, identify, assess and then neutralize or exploit foreign intelligence and security service activities against U.S. Forces. If you have an outgoing personality, can effectively organize information, are interested in collecting information and studying its meaning, and possess an ability to clearly relay information verbally and in writing, you should consider applying to become a CI Special Agent. For more information, call Randall Long at (520) 533-2320, DSN 821-2320, or e-mail randall.long@conus.army.mil, or Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Rodgers at (520) 533-5952, DSN 821-5952, or e-mail stephen.rodgers@conus.army.mil.

## EFMP Family Find Campaign

In accordance with Army Regulation 608-75, enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program must be updated every three years by the service member or family member. A DD Form 2792, Exceptional Family Member Medical Summary, must be



completed by your primary care provider. The forms can be downloaded on Google or EFMP forms. Once the form has been completed please contact the Family Medical Clinic to update your enrollment. For more information, contact Pat Love at 787-9300

## Signal Prayer Breakfast

The Signal Center of Excellence is hosting a prayer breakfast 6:30 a.m. June 22 at the Gordon Club. “Getting the Message Through” is the theme for the event with guest speaker Scott McCrystal, retired Army chaplain, and a performance by Creative Impressions. Call 791-5653 for more information.

## Park in legal parking areas

Military Police will begin this week to attach ‘tire boots’ to illegally parked vehicles. While initially focusing on the Barton Field area,

usage will gradually be expanded to other clearly marked ‘no parking’ areas. Stickers will be attached to immobilized vehicles with contact information to the Military Police Desk to arrange for ‘boot’ removal and citation issuance. For more information, call 791-7151.

## 369th Change of Command

Lt. Col. Timothy D. Presby will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Scott D. Brooks, 8 a.m. June 11 at Barton Field. Inclement weather location is Alexander Hall. For more information, call 791-7187 or 791-7975.

## Submissions

Write-ups must be in Time-Date-Place, a short 100-words or less briefs about an event and a point of contact. E-mail Bonnie Heater at bonnie.heater@us.army.mil or drop items off at Room 215, Nelson Hall.

# Signal-Digital Master Gunner training kicks off

**Nick Spinelli**  
*Signal staff*

The 442nd Signal Battalion and the Leader College of Information Technology have brought 30 Signal Support Systems (25U) and Information Technology (25B) Soldiers together for 230 hours of training as part of the new Signal-Digital Master Gunner Course which began May 24 on Fort Gordon.

Mike Brown, the course manager, said this is the first of three pilot courses to be held, after which, the program becomes permanent.

“The course will run five weeks and three days,” Brown said. “After that, our Soldiers are capable of managing servers and systems to produce field commander’s common procedure.”

Brown explained that this means graduates of the Master Gunner course will be able to take information from a variety of systems and collect it all in one location for a Forward Operating Base commander to have readily available. This will help to make sure no information is missed and any questions pertaining to a decision are at the commander’s fingertips.

Mark Crenshaw, the government representative involved with the course said Fort Gordon is leading the way in regards to this training.

“This is a brand new, functional course,” he said. “And while there are others in the works at different Army installations, this is the first one to be up and running.”

The course is split between classroom work and field exer-

cises. It includes lessons and instruction on a variety of system and server topics including administration, operations, trouble shooting and security. Other areas of training include Command Post of the Future, Maneuver Control System, Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below, Blue Force Tracker and the servers that integrate these systems such as Domain Controllers, Battle Command Server, Microsoft Exchange Server and MS Office SharePoint Services.

“It’s a pretty intensive, hands-on course,” said Col. Bruce Caulkins, commandant of the Leader College of Information Technology. “We want Soldiers to get the experience necessary to prepare them for the field. It’s all about the integration of battle groups.”



Nick Spinelli

**Soldiers study at their work stations at the start of the Signal-Digital Master Gunner course.**

# VA hosts community outreach, explains health care offered to veterans

**Charmain Z. Brackett**  
*Correspondent*

Helping veterans get the benefits they are entitled to is important to Simone Brown.

“Part of our outreach is to get the community educated about the needs and to get vets enrolled,” said Brown, who is the director of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom programs at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center.

Brown coordinated the 3rd Annual Welcome Home Victory for Veterans event held at Bobby Jones Ford on Wrightsboro Road May 22. The event included a health fair with blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, an antique car show and lots of information about benefits available to veterans.

“We are getting the VA out of the building,” said Brown.

Among the lesser-known services offered include those to female veterans.

“Women make up about 15 percent of the military, but they are not aware we have these services,” said Paula Martin, a registered nurse with the

Women Veterans Program at the downtown VA. A health clinic opened at the VA about a year ago.

Many female veterans feel the VA medical system is just for the men, said Brown.

Specialized services for women veterans include primary care, gynecological and maternity care, mammograms, infertility treatment and menopause care. Also, there are services for women who have encountered sexual trauma while in the military.

Other veterans programs highlighted at the event included the minority veterans program, health care for homeless veterans and My HealtheVet, an online personal health record service.

The Augusta VA hospitals also offer specialized care for those with spinal injuries, those who are blind, and for those with mental problems.

One of the highlights was helping a Vietnam veteran, said Brown.

“He had never enrolled, and he lives in the Central Savannah River Area,” she said. “That’s what it’s all about.”





# Critical days of summer

## Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend

**Michael Reed**  
*Employee Assistance Program Coordinator, Prevention Coordinator*

Don't let alcohol put a chill on your summer. By following these simple guidelines, you can prevent an alcohol-related accident or health problem.

If you drive, don't drink. If you drink, don't drive.

There is NO safe level of alcohol for drivers because everyone reacts differently to alcohol on different occasions.

Never drink and pilot a boat of any kind. The same things that makes drinking and driving dangerous (impaired judgment, information processing and coordination, among other alcohol effects) can be as deadly on water as they are on land.

Don't swim or dive if you have been drinking. Remember that alcohol will inhibit your swallowing and breathing reflexes, both of which are necessary for swimming, and make you feel warmer than you really are, putting you at risk for hypothermia in cold water. In addition, drinking affects your ability to judge distances and may lead you to swim too far out into a lake or ocean.

If you are riding in a boat, remember that alcohol will impair your balance and increase your chances of falling overboard. This danger, compounded by alcohol's effects on your swimming ability, is a common cause of drowning.

If you are a heavy drinker, remember that during the summer alcohol consumption can:

More rapidly dehydrate you

Raise your blood pressure

Increase your chances of developing hypoglycemia, a condition that cause weakness and interferes with the body's temperature regulation

Increase your chances of becoming a heat prostration or stroke victim

Each year in the US,

3,500 drown

4,500 injured while boating

700 killed while boating

Personal Flotation Devices could reduce fatalities by 90 percent.

Contributing factors include: alcohol, lack of PFDs, horse-play, and underwater obstructions

Survival plan:

Use a "designated Captain"

Don't overload the boat

PFDs on weak swimmers

Explore water/feet first

Keep throwable PFD nearby

Use the engine kill switch

Again, keep yourself and your loved ones safe during the summer months. If you use alcohol, do it in a manner which will protect you and the things you value. If additional information is needed call the Employee Assistance Program/Prevention office at 791-5797.



# God's delight

**Chap. (Capt.) Kerry Greene**  
*15th Signal Brigade*

*Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire. Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and their tongue speaks what is right. The law of their God is in their heart, and their footsteps shall not falter.*

-Psalm 37:3-6, 32-33 NIV

Do you want to see God working in your life? Because if God is working in your life that can mean only one thing; you have a relationship with Him. Can anything be more wonderful than being in a relationship with the creator God who made the Universe and all that we see with our eyes?

This is a very simple yet interesting Psalm. There are so many wonderful promises in this passage from God that make me like it. It is pretty clear cut and nothing hidden and no guess work. If you put your trust in and delight in the Lord and commit your way to Him, He will do the following: prove your righteousness, make you wise and keep you from straying to evil. Before going on convoys Soldiers would want me to go with them or if I did go with them, they would tell me it made them feel better. They were thinking, "If the Chaplain, Our Spiritual Rabbit's foot, comes along with us then we will be safe because God delights in him."

That is not a very good insurance plan. Wouldn't anybody like to know that God delights in them and wants a

relationship with them? But how do we get that? First, we need to understand that our relationship with God cannot be based on our own righteousness. We cannot bank on our own goodness to bring us into an eternal relationship with God.

In Isaiah 53:5 the prophet wrote, "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."

Who was the prophet Isaiah referring to that was crushed? The prophet Isaiah was referring to our Lord Jesus Christ. On the cross Jesus was crushed for our sins. He was crushed for our transgressions and iniquities against God. It was for everyone who believes.

In Isaiah 53:10 it goes on to say, "Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand."

God's plan and purpose before the creation of the world was to allow Jesus to be a guilt offering to God and to be crushed for our iniquities so that you and I would live with God for eternity. That is God's plan and God's purpose for Jesus' life so that you and I could have an eternal life with God. Isn't that good news? You and I have a problem and instead of us having to do something about it, God did something about it. Do you want to see God working in your life? Then trust His goodness. Delight yourself in the knowledge of what He has done for you in Christ Jesus and He will establish you and keep you from falling.

## Chapel Call

<b>Collective Protestant Services</b>
<b>Sunday Worship</b>
9:00 a.m. – Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel
9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service, Friendship Chapel
10:30 a.m. – Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel
Noon – Faith Gospel Service, Good Shepherd Chapel
11:00 a.m. – Bicentennial Chapel
11:00 a.m. – Friendship Chapel
<b>Catholic Services</b>
Daily, Mon – Fri, 11:45 a.m., EAMC Chapel
Daily, Mon, Wed, Thurs. 11:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
Saturday, 3:30 p.m., Confessions, Good Shepherd Chapel
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Vigil Mass, Good Shepherd Chapel
<b>Sunday Masses</b>
8:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
10:00 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
11:45 a.m., EAMC Chapel
<b>Jewish Activities</b>
Holy Day, Sabbath and Daily
Services available off post
Jonathan Shoenholz, 787-1353
<b>Islamic Services</b>
Jumah (Friday) Prayer Services, Islamic Activities Center, Building 38804 Academic Drive
Oct-Apr, 12:45-1:30; and Apr-Oct, 1:15-1:45
Retired CPO Marshall Abuwi - 772-4303 (Leave message)
<b>Denominational Services</b>
LDS Service – Sunday 1:30-4:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel
LDS Representative is Ralph Wright - 799-9651
Wiccan Service – Sunday 2 - 5 p.m. at Rel Support Ofc. 868-8781
<b>Religious Education</b>
<b>Children &amp; Youth Classes</b>
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Religious Ed Ctr
Sunday, 11:30 a.m., Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and Sacramental Preparation, Religious Ed Ctr (Sep-May)
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Faith Gospel Classes, Religious Ed Ctr
Youth Groups and Other RE Programs, Randy Dillard – 791- 4703
<b>Adult Bible Studies</b>
Sunday 9:30 a.m., Protestant Adult Studies, Religious Ed Ctr
Sunday 11:30 a.m., Catholic "God and Coffee", Family Life Ctr
Sunday 11:30 a.m., RCIA at Rel Support Office, 791-4703
Tuesday Noon, EAMC Bible Study, Din Facility, 3rd floor
Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Prot Women of the Chapel, Bicentennial
Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Little Rock Study, Good Shepherd Chapel
Thursday 9:30 a.m., Prot. Women of the Chapel, Bicentennial
Wednesday 11:30 a.m., Post-wide Luncheon, Bicentennial
Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Discipleship Training, Friendship Chapel
Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Faith Gospel Svc at Rel. Ed. Ctr.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m., LDS FHE, Rel Support Ofc. 364-6297
Tuesday Noon., 513th at Motor Pool Conf. Rm.



# 21st Signal Brigade Receives Army Superior Unit Award

**Maj. James P. Pete**  
*21st Signal Brigade*

**Fort Detrick, Md.** – Soldiers and Civilians of Fort Detrick’s 21st Signal Brigade gathered at the Capt. Jennifer J. Shafer Odom Fitness Center April 30 for an unit awards ceremony to recognize all the personnel in the collective accomplishments of the brigade.

The 21st Signal Bde. was awarded the Army Superior Unit Award, which is presented to recognize outstanding meritorious unit performance of a uniquely difficult and challenging mission under extraordinary circumstances as stated in Army Regulation 600-8-22.

“The men and women of the 21st Signal Bde. embody the very best of the American spirit, the very best that citizens of our country have to offer,” said Maj. Gen. Susan S. Lawrence, 9th Signal Command commanding general, who presided over the presentation.

It is no small feat to warrant recognition such as this. The citation on the award itself read in part, “During the period of July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, the 21st Signal Brigade, and its subordinate units displayed outstanding meritorious service in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The unit provided command, control, communications, computer, and information services to the President of the United States, Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and combatant commanders, while maintaining an unprecedented operations tempo ... executing 825 tactical satellite communications missions, participating in 41 humanitarian, medical assistance and disaster relief efforts, executing 24 combat camera deploy-

ments worldwide, and providing 24/7, continuous communications across the full-spectrum of operations.”

Master Sgt. Mark Gehrt, brigade S-3 operations noncommissioned officer in charge, expressed what the brigade’s receipt of the ASUA meant to him. “The ASUA is significant in that it shows the 21st Signal Brigade is performing no-fail missions all day, every day, with no days off, and accomplishing that mission at a superior, recognition worthy level.”

Col. Karl Ginter, commander of the 21st Signal Bde. explained the significance of such an award. “The Army Superior Unit Award represents the culmination of sustained superior performance across the full spectrum of conflict by the outstanding officers, NCOs, Soldiers, and Civilians of this Brigade. Whether supporting the President, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff at Raven Rock Mountain Complex, the satellite communications needs of warfighters across the globe, contingency medical and humanitarian support missions in Central and South America, or executing Combat Camera support to (brigade combat teams) engaged in (Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom) in Iraq and Afghanistan, this brigade is in the vanguard of signal formations that are transforming to a campaign quality Army with joint and expeditionary capabilities.”

“This award is not common to other signal brigades. The 21st Signal Brigade is only the second signal brigade to be awarded the Army Superior Unit Award,” cited Command Sgt. Maj. Nicolino Parisi, 21st Signal Bde command sergeant major.

“Attendance by our commanding general is always special,” said Gehrt,



SPC Brian Williams

**Maj. Gen. Susan S. Lawrence, 9th Signal Command commanding general, attaches an Army Superior Unit Award streamer to subordinate units of the 21st Signal Brigade, which is a rare streamer to have among signal units.**

“not only for the 21st Signal Brigade, but also to highlight the outstanding relationship we have with the Fort Detrick, Md., community, whose support was critical to our success.”

“The 21st Signal Brigade is a premier signal brigade. The brigade is made up of an adaptive, innovative, dedicated, extremely professional, and highly motivated military and civilian workforce,” explained Parisi. “This recognition is in keeping with our reputation. I am proud to be a part of

an organization that has been identified as a superior unit. This award is a testament to the unit’s dedication to excellence.”

“Units are a reflection of their leaders. HQDA recognized that the 21st Signal Brigade has great leaders, specifically at the NCO-level, who are consistently challenging and training our formations, while accomplishing exceptionally challenging mission sets to a very high standard. Soldiers take pride in the lineage and honors earned

by their units; they are an extension of that lineage, and these Soldiers have written a new chapter in their unit’s history, and can be rightfully proud of their collective accomplishments,” said Ginter.

“I think the community, who cannot necessarily see what we do every day, certainly saw on 30 April that the 21st Signal Brigade is a cohesive organization, blending the unique talents of our military and civilian workforce,” said Gehrt.

## Building toward earning Eagle Scout



Photos by Bonnie Heater

**Bonnie Heater**  
*Signal staff*

Local youth completes an extensive community service project to earn Eagle Scout.

Robert Besel, the 15 year old son of Navy Chief Warrant Officer 2 David and Kimberly Besel of Fort Gordon, set out to earn the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America. He raised more than \$1,000 through bake sales held in the front of the Fort Gordon Commissary. Members of the Fort Gordon community also made donations to help him reach his objective.

After raising the money, he began to think seriously about the kind of community service project he wanted to work on. To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout Besel is required to earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service and leadership. This includes an extensive community service project which the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages.

Although Besel is still working on his last badge,” personal management,” he decided to complete the community service project requirement. With the help of his Scout master, who happens to be his dad, and individuals from United Way of Augusta, a project which met his own personal expectations presented itself. United Way contacted David Besel and inquired if Scouts in Troop 8, also known as “St. Mary’s on the Hill in Augusta,” were looking for a community project to get involved in.

Berry Center, Inc., in Augusta, wanted an enclosure built around their center to protect their patrons. The center serves people 18 years old and older with mental retardation and/or other developmental disabilities, including cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or other

Robert Besel’s Eagle Scout community project located at the Berry Center Inc. in Augusta is shown in its finished state. He raised more than \$1,000 through bake sales on post and donations from members of the Fort Gordon community to finance its completion. Volunteers from Scout Troop 8 of Augusta and Atlanta Gas and Light helped with this project.



neurological impairments in the Central Savannah River Area.

After a site visit and a talk with Janice Miller, director of the Berry Center, Besel and his father marked off the center’s perimeter April 16.

They consulted with experts at Lowes of Augusta about the type and amount of wood fencing needed to complete the project. Posts were ordered and set April 17 by Besel and other Scouts in Troop 8.

As it turns out some volunteers from Atlanta Gas and Light were also looking for a service project to get involved in. With the assistance from United Way of Augusta the two groups of volunteers were matched. The team set the stringers, pickets and gates for the new fence April 23. That’s the day the project was finally finished.

A plaque now hangs inside the Berry Center and outside on the newly constructed fence commemorating it’s an Eagle Scout community project. Each of the sponsors names are listed on the plaques. “I couldn’t have accomplished this with the support of all my sponsors and the Fort Gordon community,” said Robert Besel.

Once the young Scout earns the Eagle Scout badge he is required to plan his own award ceremony. He’ll be the sending out invitations, selecting a speaker, and preparing his speech. Both his parents are feeling a sense of pride. “We’re proud of all his accomplishments,” said Kimberly Besel. “He’s becoming quite a young man.”

The home schooled youth plans to attend Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio after he finishes high school. For now he is helping his younger brother Alex work toward his Eagle Badge. His 13 year old sibling recently earned his Life Scout Badge. Their younger sisters Mary Francis, age 11, and Cecilia, age 9, are actively involved in the First Tee program of Augusta along with their brothers. The program teaches positive life skills through the game of golf to youths age 8 -17.



**This plaque is displayed on the fence and the other is displayed inside the Berry Center. Both plaques bear the project’s sponsors names.**





Photos by Nick Spinelli

# 15th Signal Brigade reflags

## *New symbol coincides with new headquarters*

**Nick Spinelli**  
*Signal staff*

The 15th Signal Brigade on Fort Gordon had reason to celebrate May 21 when they hosted a reflagging and patch ceremony on Barton Field, immediately followed by a ribbon cutting of the new brigade headquarters.

“Thank you for joining us on this historic occasion,” said Col. Mark Horoho, 15th Signal Brigade commander, during his remarks. “This is a milestone year as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our Signal Corps, and there is no better time to recognize the number of exciting firsts for the brigade.”

During the ceremony, Horoho and Command Sgt. Maj. Johnny Posey, 15th Signal Brigade command sergeant major, uncased the new flag, and all 15th Soldiers in attendance put on the new patch.

The 15th’s new flag is orange and white to represent the Signal Corps. The two colors are split diagonally by a yellow lightning bolt which alludes to the speed of communications and support to the war fighter. In the

top portion is a “lamp of knowledge,” symbolizing scholastic activities which the unit serves. Finally, the Signal Flag suspended from a baton sits in the bottom half. The flag was adopted from a badge originated in 1865 called, “The Order of the Signal Corps,” and represents the unit’s mission to provide trained Soldiers to the Signal regiment.

Horoho took time to thank the two Soldiers who designed the new emblem, Master Sgt. Terry Roberts and Sgt. Kendra Ford, both of 15th Signal.

“Without them, we wouldn’t be here today,” he said.

After the ceremony, Horoho, Posey, and the assembled guests moved to the 15th Signal Brigade’s new headquarters, located on Barnes Ave., to cut the ribbon, officially opening the new building.

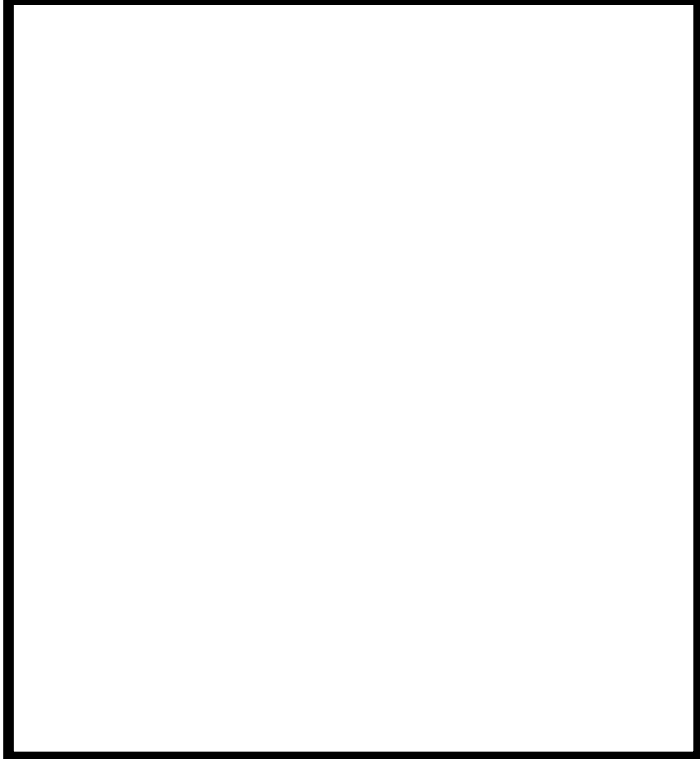
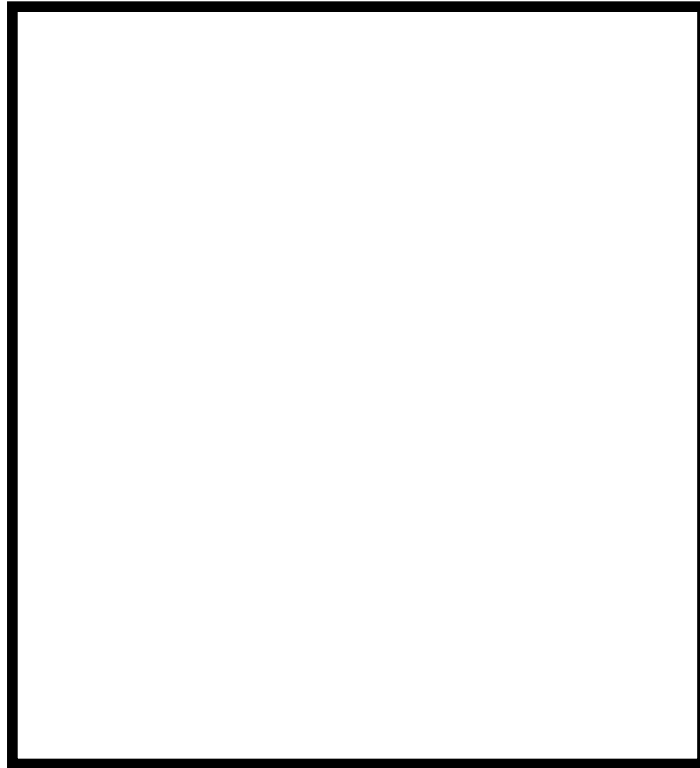
“This a world class facility and we are very, very proud of it,” Horoho said. “This, along with other new building projects currently in development, will not only increase the quality of life for individual Soldiers, but for the entire force.”



**Col. Mark Horoho, 15th Signal Brigade commander, (left) and Command Sgt. Major Johnny Posey, 15th Signal Brigade command sergeant major, uncased the brigade’s new flag in a ceremony at Barton Field.**



**After the flag uncasing ceremony, Col. Horoho and the rest of the assembled guests moved on to the new 15th Signal Brigade Headquarters located on Barnes Ave. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held, followed by guided tours of the new facility.**





# Army Materiel Command staff train the Soldier way

Siobhan Carlile

Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

Students from the Army Materiel Command Fellows Program visited Fort Gordon May 11 to 13 to take part in hands-on training to become familiar with the daily duties of Soldiers.

During their short three days at Fort Gordon the fellows visited Forward Operating Base Dunham to practice marksmanship, maneuver through and clear the “Glass House,” and perform some drill and ceremony. The group also fired in the weapons simulations range, the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, and went to the Pole Orchard.

They visited the Signal Museum, and the Leader College of Information Technology, were briefed at Signal Towers on emerging technologies, logistics and training, and experienced a dining facility; a challenging schedule for such a short visit.



Photos by Siobhan Carlile

**(Above) AMC employees conduct four-man stacks during room clearing exercises.**  
**(Left) Participants work on drill and ceremonies keeping 40 inches all around while trying to stay in step with the cadence caller.**

For more information about the program, visit the AMC Fellows Program Web site at [www.amc.army.mil/pa/amccareers.asp](http://www.amc.army.mil/pa/amccareers.asp).

Alvin Appletoft, 15th Regimental Signal Brigade, served as the project officer and escort for the group keeping them on time and coordinating every move.

Anthony Lee, a fellow from Huntsville, Ala., who graduated from Tuskegee University said his favorite part of the training was, “interacting with the Soldiers and learning hands on what they go through ... it’s a better way for me to learn.”

Dr. Jerry Peek, the course director agreed. “One thing that I think is good ... they get to train with the troops, see what they do on a daily basis. They have an opportunity to interact with Soldiers,” he said.

According to the AMC website the fellowship is a highly competitive four-year program (five years for engineers) designed to build a multifunctional, mobile team of highly qualified civilian employees for AMC. As employees retire from logistics, acquisition and engineering positions, it is critical to have well trained personnel who can fill them, Peek said.

The first 13 months of the program include course-work conducted at AMC’s Logistics Leadership Center in Texarkana, Texas, and at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, resulting in a master’s degree in business administration.

AMC Fellows are federal employees with full benefits and are compensated at a GS-7 grade level with full promotion potential targeted to the GS-12 for non-engineers and GS-13 for engineers.

Once participants have completed their graduate degree they begin a series of rotational, on-the-job training assignments over the next 47 months. In the five-year training period, Fellows have the potential to advance based on successful performance.

Fellows are required to sign the Department of the Army Employment and Mobility Agreement, and future assignments are based on DA mission requirement.





# Signal Corps fashion

**Charmain Z. Brackett**  
*Correspondent*

For decades, blue, green and khaki have been staple colors in the Army fashion palate. And from time to time, a splash of Signal Corps orange has also made its way into uniforms.

“The Army has had blue since the Revolutionary War,” said Robert Anzuoni, Signal Corps Museum director.

The Signal Corps Museum can trace the Army uniform’s evolution back to the Civil War era, when the Signal Corps was born. There are numerous examples of these uniforms, but not all of them are on display.

“Our mission is to collect and preserve. Some people think everything should be on display or they think we don’t have it,” he said.

A Civil War uniform is on display, but some of the more ornate uniforms with the vibrant Signal Corps orange are stored underneath the museum.

The branch color is often not seen in field uniforms, but rather the service uniforms. Orange accents were introduced in the 1870s.

Uniforms from the 1880s to early 1900s featured orange piping around the collars and upon the sleeves of the uniform. In 1926, the uniform jacket had a shorter waist but still contained the orange accents.

During World War II, a thin orange and white braid accented the overseas hat, said Anzuoni.

“In the 1960s, they changed it to the gold and black for officers,” he said.

One of the most striking uniform pieces with the signature Signal Corps orange is a dress cape from the 1940s and 1950s. It is very dark navy blue and the entire lining is Signal Corps orange.



Charmain Z. Brackett

A World War II era cape, left, a circa 1890 uniform, a Signal Corps uniform from the Spanish-American War and a 1930s dress blue uniform are some of the items preserved at the Signal Corps Museum.

## Women’s Leadership conference

**Charmain Z. Brackett**  
*Correspondent*

Retired Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks knows about being a female in a male dominated profession.

Hicks, who retired from the Army after being assigned as the Chief of Signal and Fort Gordon’s commanding general in 2005, was commissioned in the Army in the Women’s Army Corps and is the first mother to earn the rank of brigadier general.

“Many women saw me as breaking through that glass ceiling,” said Hicks, who was a featured speaker at the Helen Blocker-Adams women’s leadership conference on May 20 at the Partridge Inn.

Although Hicks was a mother, she said she had something in common with the male leaders she served with.

“I was a parent, and so were they,” she said.

“We all have to have balance.”

Hicks, now the head of the Augusta Preparatory Day School, shared some of her experiences in order to help the other women

attending the program.

“This is for women in leadership positions in business, industry and the private sector. We are here to swap stories and give advice. It’s a platform for open discussion and ideas,” she said.

The leadership conference featured sessions on grant-writing and a forum with Hicks, La Verne Gold, president and chief executive officer, and Angela Swarts of Spherion.

In addition, author, Donna M. Watford spoke about her book, *Amazing Grace A Tribute to You; the Story of Us*.

“It brings a lot of different personalities together,” she said.

Not only do the conferences provide inspiration and information, they provide a great opportunity for women to get to know other professional women.

“I thought it would be a great way to hear different women locally in the community,” said Helen Smith, the founder of The Glanzmann’s Research Foundation.



# Sports

## Pro Bowler to compete in Gordon Lanes tourney

Seven time PBA champ to challenge local competition



Nathaniel Hoeller  
Walter Ray Williams Jr., PBA bowler, is scheduled to play in the Pro Am Tournament June 4 and the PBA Pro Tournament June 5 -6 at the Gordon Lanes Bowling Center.

### Bonnie Heater

Signal staff

Walter Ray Williams Jr., who won his seventh Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Award in April, will be playing in the Pro Tournament June 4 -6 at Gordon Lanes. He'll be hosting a bowling clinic at 11 a.m. and a horseshoe clinic at 1 p.m. June 4 at the post's bowling center.

The most remarkable thing about William's latest honor is that his seven number 1 wins have come over a span of 24 years, starting in 1986. He also won the honor in 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2003. He broke his own earnings record when he became the first and only professional bowler to earn more than \$4 million dollars in career earnings.

Besides being a champion bowler, Williams, also, has won nine world championships pitching horseshoes – three as a junior and six as an adult. He is a member of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame.

Williams owns 47 Professional Bowling Association titles, the most in Tour history; owns eight major titles and 28 PBA Regional titles. Williams starred in the ten-pin bowling sports documentary "A League of Ordinary Gentlemen." He was also featured with PBA bowler Mark Baker in the "Bowling Faults and Fixes" Digital Video Disc produced in 2006.

The Pro Bowler was inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 2005 and Professional Bowling Hall of Fame in 1995, and was two-time past president of the Professional Bowlers Association. He was named "Male Bowler of the Decade" (2000-2009) in the Winter 2010 issue of U.S. Bowler magazine.

Born in Eureka, Calif., Williams later attended and graduated from Cal-Poly Pomona in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in physics. He likes to play chess and golf. Williams has a 3 handicap in golf. He and his wife Paige Pennington adopted their daughter Rebecca and reside in Ocala, Fla. For more information about the PBA bowler visit his website, [www.walterray.com](http://www.walterray.com).

### Pro Am Tournament Events

Gordon Lanes Bowling Center

#### June 4

Walter Ray Williams' Bowling Clinic  
Autographs  
Walter Ray Williams' Horse Shoe Clinic  
Participants Chicken Buffet  
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Foley rolls out first ball  
Pro Am (First Flight)  
Pro Am (Second Flight)

11 a.m. - Noon  
Noon - 1 p.m.  
1 -2 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
8:30 p.m.

#### June 5

PBA Pro Tournament

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### June 6

PBA Pro Finals  
Awards Presentation

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
2:15 - 2:20 p.m.



# Warrior Games take off



Senior Airman Christopher Griffin

*“Olympic competition, where we bring all these warriors from the services to compete against each other”*

~ Brig. Gen. Gary H. Cheek

Air Force Staff Sgt. Elmer Sanders crosses the finish line ahead of the three other service members during the track and field event at the Warrior Games May 14, 2011 at the Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Griffin

### Elizabeth M. Collins

Army News Service

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** – It's been only one day since the start of the inaugural Warrior Games for wounded, ill and injured service-members at the Olympic Training Center here, and the commander of the Warrior Transition Command is already dreaming about future competitions.

Brig. Gen. Gary H. Cheek, who is also the assistant surgeon general of warrior care and transition, hopes the games will become an annual event with additional sporting categories, winter sports and even the participation of U.S. allies.

He helped conceive the competition after a 50-mile bike ride with "Ride to Recovery," in April 2009. That event involves wounded warriors participating in a 500-mile, cross-country ride. The games came from a conversation he had with Ride to Recovery's founder and a representative of the United Service Organizations, who had asked what else the USO could do for wounded warriors.

"Between the three of us, we kind

of came up with ... an Olympic competition, where we bring all these warriors from the services to compete against each other and really maximize this notion of physical competition," he explained.

The general said it'd been years since he'd been on a bicycle, and while he rode only 50 miles of the 500-mile journey, the experience awoke in him a feeling he thought others might benefit from.

"I got a sense of accomplishment that I made it 50 miles on a bike and so did all those warriors, and heck, they went on and rode for 500 miles," Cheek said. "That's what we're trying to get. There's a much greater sense of accomplishment by doing something very, very challenging."

The Warrior Games in Colorado, he said, is just the kind of challenging event that can give Soldiers that sense of accomplishment.

"(It) gets them out here, knocking heads, competing hard, doing things that are difficult," he said. "It gives a sense of purpose and reward."

The resulting games have exceeded his wildest expectations, Cheek said, while watching Army beat Navy dur-

ing the wheel-preliminar-

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injuries, and is testimony to the care and skill of military medical professionals, especially as some of the Soldiers have been injured only months ago and are competing in as many as three events.

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of them to do was to take this flame -- this Olympic torch, this spirit it has brought into them -- back to their comrades who are also recovering and moving forward and light that spark in them," the general said.

## Fort Gordon Events

### Volksmarch

A mini volksmarch is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 22. The 2-mile event starts at the Fort Gordon Commissary parking lot. For more information contact Brian Taten at 791-3718, extension 313, or Dov Estroff at 791-22556.

### Gordon Lanes Bowling Center

The Gordon Lanes Bowling Center, Building 33200, located on 3rd Avenue, has several special events going on or scheduled. Quarter Mania is held 5 to 11 p.m. Mondays; games are 25 cents. X-treme Cosmic Bowling takes place 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Come out and enjoy the show.





Capt. Arthur Macaspac wins his third crown at the 2010 All-Army Chess Championships played May 16-21 at Joint Base Henderson Hall-Fort Myer, Va. Macaspac, who also won All-Army championships in 2006 and 2008, serves with the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade in Philadelphia, Pa.

Tim Hippi

# Army chess champ wins after running Iraq tourneys

Tim Hippi  
FMWRC

FORT MYER, Va. — Capt. Arthur Macaspac needed a little help from a few new friends to win his third crown at the 2010 All-Army Chess Championships.

In the final round of the six-day, 11-round tournament at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, ninth-place finisher Maj. Larry Cox Jr. upset top-seeded and runner-up finisher Spc. Pieta Garrett to open the door for Macaspac.

“I had already won my final game so he had a little pressure,” Macaspac described Garrett’s losing move in the most important match of the tourney. “He hung a piece - very unusual for a chess master. Instead of capturing with a queen, he captured with a rook and he left his unsupported rook possible to attack.

“I saw it unfold.”

Garrett, who finished third here last year and first in the 2009 Inter-Service Chess Championships, quickly realized that his game had gone awry.

“I had a good game and he was putting up a little bit of a fight, but I got around the obstacles and then I finally got into position where I had a big edge,” explained Garrett, 24, of Fort Polk, La. “Then he just got a simple little trick on me and I completely blundered. I dropped a simple little tactic, and after that I was dead lost.

“It just goes to show that you’re never out. I was really confident. Then I played it and my heart dropped.”

Macaspac captured his third All-Army championship with nine victories, one loss and a draw for a total of 9.5 points. Garrett (8.5) finished second, followed by Spc. Nathaniel Rockhill (7.5) of the 38th Division Band in Indianapolis, Sgt. Jhonet Baniel (7.0) of Landstuhl, Germany, Pfc. Ismael Pagan (6.5) of Fort Irwin, Calif., and Staff Sgt. Andre Paradela (6.0) of Dublin, Calif.

“This one, I didn’t even expect to win,” said Macaspac, who serves with the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade in Philadelphia. “Garrett, who is a federation master, beat me in the second round and I lost hope. But I was lucky that Major Cox was able to beat him in the last round.”

“All Garrett had to do was win that game and we would have ended up with 9.5 points out of 11, and he would have beaten me on the tiebreaker. I think this one was luck. I didn’t win against Garrett, who was the top seed, but on the other hand, I took care of everybody else.”

It was a fitting finish for Macaspac, 36, who won the All-Army championship as a second lieutenant in 2006 and as a first lieutenant in 2008.

“It seems like every rank I get, I have a champion on my belt,” said Macaspac, who missed the 2009

tournament while serving as a battalion maintenance officer in Iraq. “I wanted to come last year, but duty first.”

After making sure the equipment was fit for Soldiers to guard detainees in Iraq, Macaspac played the role of “chess ambassador” at Camp Bucca.

“Even though we worked like 10 hours a day, we actually had a good time there,” Macaspac said. “Since I have a chess background, I found the time every Tuesday to set up a chess club there and we had a lot of participants coming from different services - Marines, Air Force, Navy, Army and even Iraqi interpreters.

“I was surprised that the Iraqi people really enjoy playing chess.”

The weekly tournaments became so popular that Macaspac requested that Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials try to acquire chess sets and clocks from the United States Chess Federation.

In less than two weeks, 20 chess sets and 10 clocks arrived in Iraq via MWR, courtesy of the USCF. Shortly thereafter, 30-some chess players were playing on Tuesday nights and competing in monthly tournaments.

“The MWR people even provided me with some cash prizes and certificates,” said Macaspac, who did not compete in the Camp Bucca Chess Championships. “I was the organizer.”

Macaspac derived great satisfaction from watching others win tourneys.

“If you’re deployed, normally they advise that you have to develop a hobby - otherwise you’re going to get bored over there,” Macaspac said. “Even though you’ve worked so much in one day and it’s sometimes dangerous, during your off-time, you’ve got to do something.”

During his travels, Macaspac discovered other chess tournaments in Kuwait, where he once earned \$100 without letting fellow Soldiers know that he was the reigning All-Army champion.

Macaspac credits his mentor, Grand Master Leonid Yudasin, for his chess success. Macaspac’s next planned move is to open a chess café called Chess Mates in Rahway, N.J., on June 1.

The top six finishers at the All-Army Chess Championships will advance to the 2010 Inter-Service Chess Championships, scheduled for Aug. 1-7 at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill.

“I think we can probably win it this year because our average [team] rating has finally caught up with the Air Force,” Macaspac said. “I just love to come here every year. It’s like a privilege being here. I call it a chess buffet because it’s all chess for six days. Only six people will qualify, but you might as well have fun.”

Of course, Macaspac knows best that it does not hurt to win three championships in four All-Army Chess appearances.

Garrett won the speed-chess event by going undefeated in 11 rounds. He was followed by Rockhill and Macaspac.

## Rounding out the field were:

- Capt. Samuel Perez (5.5) of Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.
- Sgt. 1st Class Paul King (4.5) of Fort Jackson, S.C.
- Maj. Larry Cox (4.0) of Camp Atterbury, Ind.
- Sgt. 1st Class Sean Allen (3.5) of Fort Myer
- 2nd Lt. Vladimir Del Valle (2.0) of Fort Riley, Kan.
- Charles Florance (1.5) of the New Mexico Army National Guard

# Army, race team prove to be winning combo



## AMRDEC

### REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.

— A car racing icon and the Army’s Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center here have continued to collaborate to support the warfighter.

Jack Roush Sr., team owner and CEO of Roush-Fenway Racing, first partnered with AMRDEC in fall 2003, when Gen. Paul Kern, then the commander of the Army Materiel Command, directed the leveraging of racing technologies to support the Soldier.

The Roush team allowed AMRDEC to test and prove out new materials, coatings, processes and nanotechnology. Current efforts include sharing test data on windshield multi-layer tear-offs, like those used on Black Hawk helicopters, and diamond coatings for wear resistance.

“We have brought in Roush expertise and expanded the Army’s prototyping capabilities through advanced materials and processes,” said Kris Walker, AMRDEC team leader. “Given Jack Roush’s many resources, vast aerospace capabilities, patriotism and love of Soldiers -- this is a very mutually beneficial partnership.”



U.S. Army Photo

**Tom Erickson, chief, Reliability, Availability and Maintainability Engineering & System Assessment Division; Patti Martin, director, Engineering Directorate; and Kris Walker, RAM & SA team lead/Attack & Unmanned Aerial Systems, display a photograph of the No. 61 Roush Performance Products Ford Mustang GT autographed by the Roush-Fenway Racing Team. US Army photo**

# Army issues instructions for painting M16s, M4s

C. Todd Lopez

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers already have uniforms that blend them into their surroundings. Now there’s instructions on how to have a weapon that blends in too.

In April, the Army released instructions on how Soldiers can apply spray paint to their M4 or M16 rifle, without decreasing the effectiveness of either the weapon or the installed optics.

“The Army has always had techniques to camouflage the Soldier ... we have techniques for the Soldier and the equipment,” said Col. Douglas A. Tamilio, project manager for Soldier Weapons, Program Executive Office Soldier. “We found in Iraq and Afghanistan that Soldiers were start-

ing to paint their weapons. It wasn’t really approved or disapproved for them to do that.”

Tamilio said the Army worked with the Army Tank-Automotive and Armament Command as well as the Army Research, Development and Engineering Center to put together the instructions.

The resulting document, “Maintenance Information Message 10-040,” is titled “Camouflaging Specific Small Arms.” It focuses on where to apply tape to protect sensitive areas, what areas should not be painted, and what kind of paint to use.

“It just shows Soldiers how you tape your weapon up before you go to spray it,” Tamilio said. “We are just trying to make sure the Soldiers don’t do the wrong things with their weapons. So we make sure we don’t

reduce the reliability of our weapons system.”

The new MIM explains the rationale behind why Soldiers would paint their rifles.

“Warfighters must be able to conduct tactical operations while reducing/limiting detection by the threat,” the message reads. “Camouflage paints provide for reduced visual detection and enhanced warfighter survivability via neutral, non-reflective, and predominantly non-black colors.”

Additionally, the message explains, the color black is “highly infrared reflective” and it can also “provide a high degree of visual contrast when carried by camouflaged uniformed warfighters.”

The instruction goes on to explain the materials a Soldier would need

to clean his rifle before painting, the types of paint he can use and where to procure them, where to put masking tape on the rifle to protect sensitive parts, and how remove the camouflage after it is no longer needed.

To protect the inside of the barrel from receiving paint, for instance, the message tells Soldiers to “take a foam ear plug and insert it in the front of the barrel using firm pressure. Do not use a cleaning rod or any other tool to do this.”

On actually applying a camouflage pattern to the weapon, the message suggests Soldiers have a plan in place beforehand, and that their design focus on effectiveness rather than beauty.

“Remember, most great camouflage is not pretty,” the instruction reads. “The goal is to blend your weapon in with the environment in which you are

operating. If you are operating in an environment that just has light tan sand, then just paint your weapon tan with limited black breakup ... This procedure’s purpose is not to impress. Its purpose is to provide safety and another tool in defeating the enemy.”

While the Army has provided an official guide on how Soldiers can paint their rifles to provide camouflage in an environment where camouflage may be needed, Tamilio said the instruction is not permission for a Soldier to paint his weapon. Permission, he said, comes from a unit commander. The instruction is simply a guide on how to proceed if a commander gives that permission.



# IKE’s HealthNET

## Preventing asthma, easy with the following steps

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During the month of May, the United States Environmental Protection Agency joins thousands of other organizations to promote public awareness of the asthma epidemic in this country. The goal of this union is to provide asthma education to communities across the country, and aid individuals in understanding how better to control and live with asthma.

Asthma is a chronic disease.  
Asthma does seem to be an inherited illness.  
Asthma is one of the most common illnesses in America.  
According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, the annual cost of asthma is estimated to be nearly \$18 billion.

Asthma is a disease of the respiratory system that causes a narrowing of the air passages. In asthma, the exposure to an allergen or trigger, results in the smooth muscle tissue of the bronchial tubes reacting to the allergen. During this process, the body tries to protect itself against the allergen. At some point in the inflammatory process, the bronchial tubes may have spasms resulting in the tubes becoming inflamed, swollen, and smaller. This reduction in the size of the bronchial tubes results in an increased production of mucus (a natural occurring secretion) found in the lining of the airway. This increased production of mucus, results in a clogging of the bronchial tubes with thick sticky mucus and air being trapped in the alveoli making breathing out or (expiration) difficult.

## Tips to avoiding allergies

Victor Dewyea, MD

Allergy Department

Allergens are things in our environment that cause runny noses, sneezing, itching, nasal congestion and sickness. Allergies are a leading cause of missed school and work days in the United States. The tree pollen season begins each year in mid-February and finishes up in April. Our cars turn yellow-green and the air looks hazy. The pollen affects our eyes, our nose, our skin and sometimes our lungs. Our body reacts to these allergens and we can become irritable and tired.

Grass and weed pollen seasons follow after the tree pollen season is over. The grass pollen season picks up in early April and continues through July. Grass pollen is not visible like tree pollen, but you know it is around as our grass turns green. The weed pollen season starts in August as our children are getting back to school and finishes up in October or November. Molds are sometimes released into the air when cutting your lawn and in the fall when raking or rustling fallen leaves. Symptoms of allergy include eye irritation, itching, runny nose, sneezing and nasal congestion. Sometimes allergy reactions can stimulate cough, wheezing and asthma problems.

In addition to the pollens, it is important to realize that people can develop allergies to other things in our environment. These allergies can occur by eating certain foods, taking medicines, being stung by an insect, or having

an exposure to other airborne allergens (such as dust mites, molds and animal dander). It is important to be aware of these different routes of allergen exposure. Typically, there is a genetic influence on whether someone will be allergic or not, so asking other family members about allergy problems is usually helpful. If you have any rash, itching of the mouth or skin, hives, throat tightness, lip swelling, cough, wheezing or chest tightness after eating a food or taking a medication, you should let your doctor know right away.

When foods are introduced to infants and young children, there is a potential for an allergic reaction to certain foods. The foods that are most frequently found to cause allergy in children include egg, milk, wheat, soy, fish, shellfish, tree nuts and peanut. In adults, the most common foods in allergy reactions include peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish. Reactions can include a red rash, itching, hives, cough, nasal congestion, sneezing, scratchy mouth or throat, wheezing and vomiting. It is important to monitor for any allergic reactions when introducing new foods, especially those listed above.

Insects can cause allergic reactions by injecting venom into your body. The imported fire ant is an aggressive insect that swarms and stings multiple times on contact. Therefore, we are all at risk of developing sensitivity to its venom. A normal reaction consists of a painful sting, a small hive at the site of the sting and a white pustule

### Diagnosis of Asthma

An examination by your doctor can determine if you have asthma. If you experience any of the symptoms listed below see your physician.

### Symptoms of Asthma

The symptoms of asthma may include difficulty breathing, wheezing, coughing, and tightness in the chest, lack of sleep due to frequent coughing at night. Triggers may be both environmental and physical. An example of other triggers (food, clothing and strong smells.) The most common trigger for small children is second hand smoking. If You Smoke Stop. Do not smoke in your home or car.

### Other environmental triggers:

Dust mites are tiny insects that live in your home, and are found in mattresses, pillows, carpets, bed clothing, furniture and stuff animals and other stuffed toys. Wash bed clothing weekly or more if needed.

Use special dust-proof mattresses and pillow covers.  
Use a dehumidifier in your home to prevent moisture.  
Air pollution smoke and car exhaust can cause problems for the asthmatic.

Check your local weather station for reports on the air quality. On days when air quality, is reported as poor, stay indoors as much as possible.

Cockroaches and their droppings may be an asthma trigger. Keep your kitchen clean and take garbage out daily. Always store food in tightly sealed containers.

If you must use an insect spray, make sure you use it when you are not at home and clean thoroughly after spraying.

Pet’s dander (small pieces of skin) or fur from dogs, or cats. Feathers from birds, small rodents and their droppings can cause your airway to swell and become inflamed.

If you are allergic to your pet consider the following:  
If possible, find a new home for your pet. Wash your hands each time you handle your pet.

If possible, keep your pet outdoors.  
Molds that cause an asthma attack are found both indoors and outdoors in damp places. Use a dehumidifier to reduce the humidity in your home to less than 50%.

Clean tubs, sinks, and other mold and mildew sites using a cleanser with bleach.  
Avoid sources of mold outdoors such as wet leaves and garden debris.

Other triggers are strenuous physical activities, medications, “stress,” illnesses and changes in temperatures can all cause an asthma attack.

### Treatment and Management

Asthma is not curable, but it can be treated and managed. Your success in controlling and treating asthma depends on you.

Important Steps in Controlling Your Asthma:  
Know what your triggers are and avoid them if possible.  
Follow your Asthma Care Plan.  
In many cases, asthma may be deadly. It is important to manage your asthma to prevent an exacerbation of symptoms or an “attack.”  
At the first sign of an attack, take your fast acting inhaler as ordered. If no relief from symptoms seek medical attention as soon as possible.

## June Health Observances

Men’s Health  
Sun Protection  
Fireworks Safety  
Home Safety

Men’s Health Week: June 14-22  
GME Graduation: June 11, 1:30 p.m., Alexander Hall

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# Gates can accept ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ amendment

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WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates can accept a proposed congressional amendment overturning the ban on gay men and lesbians serving openly in the military, but would prefer that lawmakers wait until a Defense Department review to assess its full impact is completed, Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell said today.

“Secretary Gates continues to believe that ideally, the [Defense Department] review should be completed before there is any legislation to repeal the ‘don’t ask, don’t tell,’ law,” Morrell said in a statement issued today. “With Congress having indicated that is not possible, the secretary can accept the language in the proposed amendment.”

Congress has made clear it won’t wait for results of the Defense Comprehensive Review on the Implementation of Repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654, due Dec. 1, and expects to put the issue to a vote this week.

Office of Management and Budget Director Peter R. Orszag expressed the Obama administration’s support for the proposed amendment in a May 24 letter to its sponsors.

Even if Congress passes the measure this week, the policy would remain in effect until after the review is completed and the president and military leaders have certified that a policy change wouldn’t threaten the military’s ability to carry out its

missions, defense officials explained.

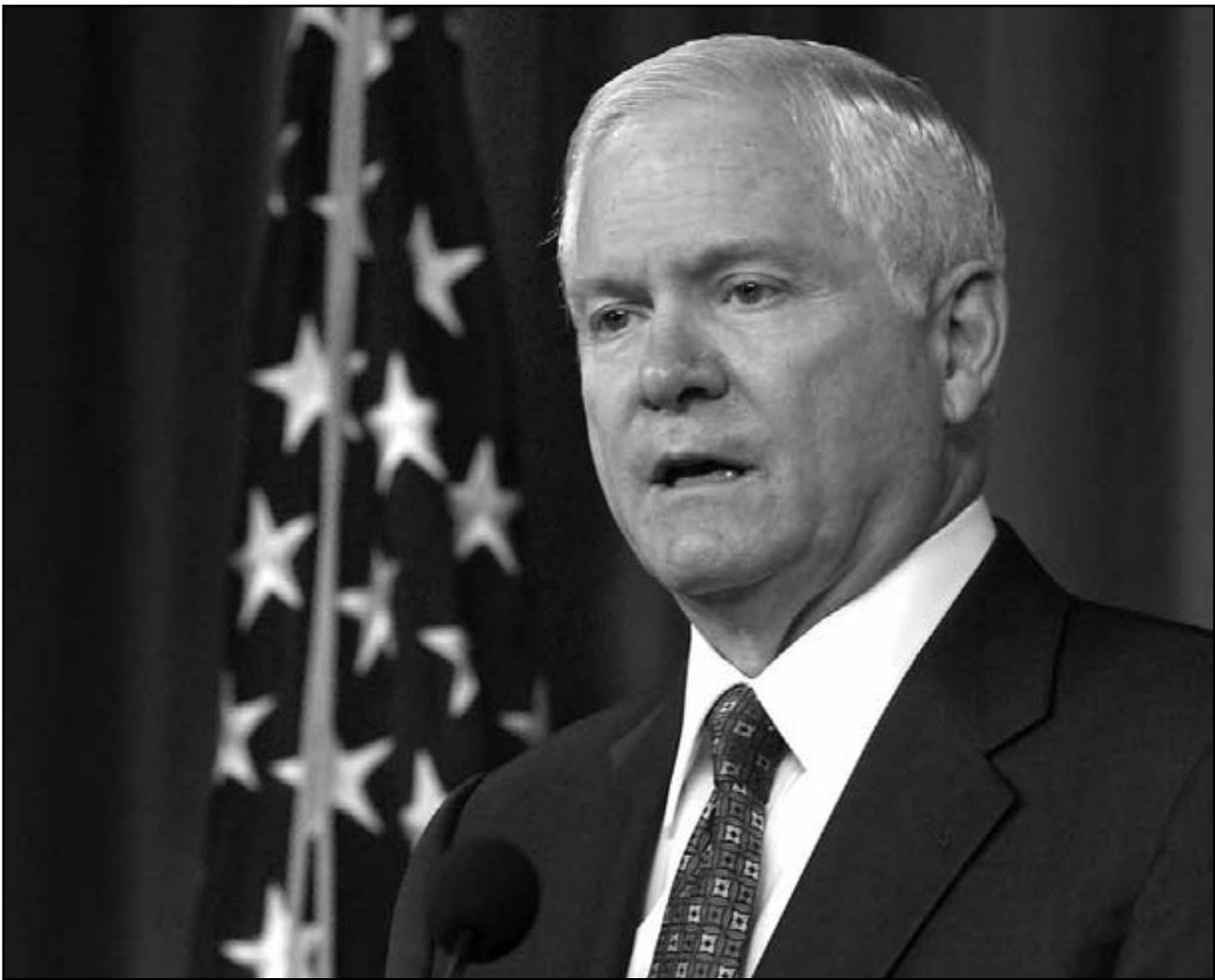
“The proposed amendment will allow for completion of the comprehensive review, enable the Department of Defense to assess the results of the review, and ensure that the implementation of the repeal is consistent with standards of military readiness, effectiveness, unit cohesion, recruiting and retention,” Orszag wrote.

The amendment also will guarantee that the department “has prepared the necessary policies and regulations needed to successfully implement the repeal,” he continued.

“Furthermore, such an approach recognizes the critical need to allow our military and their families the full opportunity to inform and shape the implementation process through a thorough understanding of their concerns, insights and suggestions,” he wrote. “The administration therefore supports the proposed amendment.”

Like Gates, the administration ideally would like to see the Defense Department review completed before Congress takes any legislative action, Orszag conceded. But recognizing that Congress has “chosen to move forward now,” he said the administration can support the proposed amendment.

Gates, who supports the law’s repeal, announced in February that he had ordered a review to understand the implications of a possible repeal of the 17-year-old law. President Barack Obama has called on Congress to repeal the law.



R. D. Ward

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# Senate confirms Army general to lead new Cyber Command

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WASHINGTON – Defense officials are lauding the Senate’s confirmation of Lt. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, director of the National Security Agency, to also lead the new U.S. Cyber Command.

The Senate confirmed Alexander on May 7, approving his promotion to four-star rank to lead both organizations at Fort Meade, Md.

“We are pleased that the Senate has moved forward with his confirmation,” Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said. “General Alexander brings to the job the leadership to stand up this command, and the skills and expertise that will be critical to the new command in dealing with security challenges in the cyber domain.”

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates created the new command in June in light of growing threats against the Defense Department’s computer networks, the corresponding threat to national security

and the need for unity of command to address the problem.

Cyber Command, which is subordinate to U.S. Strategic Command, must strike a balance between protecting military assets and personal privacy, Keith told the Senate during his mid-April confirmation hearing. His main focus at Cyber Command, he told the panel, will be to build capacity and capability to secure the networks and educating the public on the command’s intent.

“This command is not about an effort to militarize cyberspace,” he said. “Rather, it’s about safeguarding our military assets.”

The Department of Homeland Security has oversight responsibility for the “dot-gov” Internet domain, Alexander said. Cyber Command is responsible for “dot-mil” security, he said, and for giving early warning of cyber threats to the United States and providing people and capabilities to support any homeland threat.

Alexander has served as director of the National Security Agency and chief of Central Security Service since 2005.

# NEC urges users to beware of scareware

**Alan J. McCombs**

**FORT MEADE, Md.** – Something alarming could be a click away for computer users who are not cautious.

The Network Enterprise Center is experiencing a spike in virus-infected computers as machines are corrupted by a new type of Internet scam: Scareware.

Scareware is an emerging Internet threat in which people surfing the Web see a screen pop onto their monitor. The screen warns that a threat or vulnerability has been discovered on the computer.

Scareware programs then prompt the user to run a system scan or download a patch that will “solve” the problem.

The “solution” is, in fact, a virus that could hide on a computer or potentially solicit the user’s personal or financial information, said Joseph

Carr, chief of the NEC’s Information Assurance Division.

Last month alone, 10 computers out of the 2,000 garrison and tenant computers monitored by the center were infected by Scareware programs. Since then, the NEC, formerly known as the Directorate of Information Management, has been finding at least one or two infected computers each week, Carr said.

While scareware represents a rising issue, overall it remains a small concern for the NEC, Carr said.

“This is a minor problem but it has the potential of going crazy,” he said.

Once a computer is infected with a virus, the Army’s anti-virus software, Symantec, should pick up the intruder and notify both the computer user and the NEC. The computer user is prompted in an e-mail to power down the machine to prevent further infection across the DoD network.

DoD’s only cure for a scareware

infection is to haul away the blighted machine, erase its hard drive and restart the computer’s system from scratch.

Resetting a machine takes anywhere from 20 minutes to two hours. Most computer users should have their machine returned after a day, said Gwen Hamilton, a NEC information specialist who handles the resetting process.

Once the computer is reset, the user loses any notes or files stored on the machine, Hamilton said.

“It used to be that we’d try and save the person’s files, but now the requirement is that it be totally deleted,” Hamilton said.

It’s an experience those working at the NEC are familiar with.

After a week-long vacation in December, Shaun Cronk, a NEC Information Assurance network officer, returned to work to find that a scareware program had infected his

computer.

“No one’s immune to this,” he said.

The damage was minimal for Cronk as he made a habit of saving most of his files to a network drive, but he still lost some items, he said.

“It was not that someone found me or went after me, it was just something that was sent out,” Cronk said. “I felt a little violated.”

The long-term solution for scareware is unclear. Previous threats to computers tend to be fixed by patches to the computer or the anti-virus software, Carr said.

But Scareware is usually concealed in ads on Web sites ranging from



Metro Creative Connection

popular search engines to social networks. DoD could potentially decide to limit access to those parts of the Internet, Carr said.

Limiting the number of scareware infections now could forestall such action, Carr said.

“We’re trying to avoid locking people out of stuff or blocking it off,” he said.

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# MRAPs, M-ATVs networked

**Kris Osborn**

The U.S. Army has outfitted a handful of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, more commonly referred to as MRAP, vehicles with Network Integration Kits designed to give the bomb-defeating vehicles the ability to share real-time information such as sensor data from robots and UAVs while on-the-move in combat, service officials said.

While NIK technology can be outfitted on most Army vehicles, MRAPs were chosen because of their high demand in Afghanistan, said Maj. Gen. Keith Walker, director of the Future Force Integration Directorate, Fort Bliss, Texas.

To date, five M-ATVs, and six MRAPs have been outfitted with NIKs, Army officials said; The MRAPs with NIKs will deploy to Afghanistan with the first unit equipped with Increment 1 technologies which includes the battlefield network, Unattended Ground Sensors, Class 1 UAS, and the Small Unmanned Ground Vehicle.

The NIKs, now being built onto MRAPs and M-ATVs at Fort Bliss, Texas, are engineered with technology that can receive and distribute data, voice, video and images across the force using multiple high bandwidth waveforms; they consist of software-programmable Joint Tactical Radio Systems such as the Ground Mobile Radios, a “dual-enclave” Integrated Computer System built to handle classified and unclassified information, and a Blue Force Tracking display screen. The software and operating sys-

## Story Highlights

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tems are connected through use of a middle ware called System of Systems Common Operating Environment.

By providing “networked” combat-relevant information such as sensor feeds from a UAV across the force in real time, the NIKs may help MRAPs overcome some of their mobility restrictions and provide increased awareness for Soldiers traveling in the vehicles.

“MRAPs are massive there are some places they can’t go. If you want to do recon in some areas you have to dismount Soldiers and that involves a risk. However, if I can send a Class 1 UAS or SUGV [Small Unmanned Ground Vehicle], I can keep Soldiers inside the vehicle,” said Jerry Tyree, director of White Sands Missile Range Operations for Program Executive Office Integration.

The networked MRAPs and M-ATVs will participate in a large scale test later this year.



# Memorial Day Weekend Holiday Closure List

AGENCY	Location	28-May-10	29-May-10	30-May-10	31-May-10	**On Call
Headquarters	Darling Hall	CLOSED**	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
HHD	21719	CLOSED**	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
IRAC	Darling Hall	CLOSED**	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
PAIO	Darling Hall	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Commissary	Bldg 37200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	
ACAP	33800	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
ASAP	38702	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Doc. Mgnt.	36302	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Ed. & Service Div	21606	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Military Personnel	Darling Hall	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
CPAC (Darling Hall)	Darling Hall	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
NAF Job Info Ctr	Darling Hall	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
CPAC (DDEAMC)	DDEAMC	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Director's Office	Bldg 29717	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
35th MP Det.	Bldg 21410	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
MP Admin	Bldg 29717	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Vehicle Registration	Darling Hall	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
DFMWR Admin	Bldg 33720	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Army Com. Service	Darlinng Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Automotive Branch	Bldg 29300	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Bingo Place	Bldg 15500	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	
BOD Admin	Bldg 33720	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Central Registration	Bldg 28320	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Child and Youth Ser. Admin	Bldg 28320	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Child Development Center	Bldg 44401	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Dinner Theatre	Bldg 32100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Financial MGT Admin	Bldg 33720	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Fort Gordon Lodging	Bldg 250	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Gordon Club	Bldg 14400	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Gordon Fitness Center	Bldg	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Gordon Lakes Golf Course	Bldg 537	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Gordon Lanes Bowling Center	Bldg 33200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Gym # 3	Bldg 25510	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Gym # 5	Bldg 25713	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Gym # 6	Bldg 21713	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Hilltop Riding Stable	Bldg 509	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Indoor Pool	Bldg 21608	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Java Café	Bldg 25722	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Marketing	Bldg 33720	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Middle School/Teen Program	Bldg 45410	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	
MIS (MWR Tech. Support)	Bldg 29719	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Outdoor Recreation	Bldg 445	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Pre-K Annex	Bldg 45400	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Recreation Division Admin	Bldg 29719	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Recycling	Bldg 997	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
School Age Services	Bldg 45410	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Signal Café	Bldg 29808	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Sports Office	Bldg 29719	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Logistical Supply	Bldg 12307	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Woodworth Library	Bldg 33500	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
NEC	34500	CLOSEED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
IOC	Darling Hall	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Training Division	Bldg 15303	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Schools & Services	Bldg 29610	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
TSC / Devices	Bldg 15303	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
TSC / VI	Bldg 29801	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Range Control	Bldg 482	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Security	Darling Hall	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Plans Branch	Darling Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Public Works	14500/14600	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
U-Do-It	14600	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
DFAC #4	29704	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
DFAC #6	25717	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
DFAC #8	25704	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
DFAC #13	24414	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
DFAC #11	21709	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
DFAC #2	RDFAC	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
DFAC #1	RDFAC	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
EEO	Darling Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
DMPO	Darling Hall	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
IG	Bldg 33800	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Legal Asst	29718	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
TDS	29718	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Military Justice	29718	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Admin Sect	29718	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Claims	29718	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
PAO	Nelson Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
RSO**	Bldg 29601	CLOSED	CLOSED*	CLOSED*	CLOSED	* All weekend worship services conducted as scheduled. Duty Chaplain available all weekend.
Protocol	Signal Towers	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
PX	Bldg 38200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	
PX Extra	Bldg 35200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	
GAS STATION (GATE 1)	Bldg 100	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.	
GAS STATION (GATE 5)	Bldg 49300	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Theater	Bldg 21610	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	
Class 6	Bldg 31300	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	
MCSS	Bldg 35203	OPEN	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Troop Store 1117	Bldg 29604	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Troop Store 1119	Bldg 25711	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	
Washeteria	Bldg 35200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	
Concessions Mall	Bldg 38200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	
Robin Hood	Bldg 28200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	
Charley's/Popeye's/Taco Bell	Bldg 28200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	
Cinnabon	Bldg 28200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	
Anthony's	Bldg 28200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	10:30 - 5 p.m.	
Burger King	Bldg 28200	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	
Burger Kings (MRS)	Bldg 25711	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	
Anthony's/ Blimpies	Bldg 29604	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	
MS Espresso	Bldg 29722	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	
Godfather's Pizza	Bldg 29722	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	
Starbucks	Bldg 300	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	
Retention	Darling Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
RCI (Housing)	Darling Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Safety **	Darling Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
DOC	Darling Hall	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
GRMO	Darling Hall	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	
OCOS (Museum)	Bldg 29807	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	